SELECTING APPROPRIATE ELA CONTENT FOR SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

1 **TEXT TYPES**

Be sure to use the appropriate type of text, based on the standard strand (literature vs informational) and/or description(s) of text type(s) in the language of the standard.
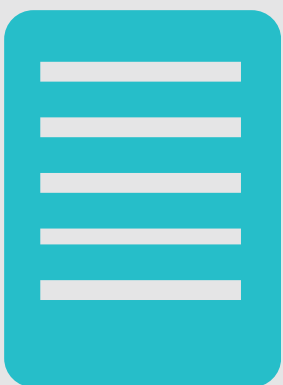
2 **BIAS AND SENSITIVITY**

Avoid common bias and sensitivity issues, to ensure assessment content is valid, reliable, and fair. For more information about bias & sensitivity guidelines see: https://portal.smarterbalanced.org/library/en/bias-and-sensitivity-guidelines.pdf

3 **USE APPROPRIATELY COMPLEX TEXT(S)**

Use tools such as Lexile.com and/or Flesch-Kincaid in Word to make sure text(s) is appropriately complex to assess the grade-level standard(s).

4 **OTHER CONTENT CONSIDERATIONS . . .**

- Make sure the text(s) is from a reliable source (e.g., sources from .org, .edu,, .gov, from a trusted news source or website).
- Check copyright restrictions and/or give proper credit to sources.
- Avoid mentioning trademarked products in literature passages.